

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Matt Regier (R)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 50, 2/6/2017; SB 51, 2/6/2017  
Executive Action: HB 289, HB 311, HJ 7, SB 52

**HEARING ON SB 50**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:24 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 50, Allow digital carcass tags.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:41 Jessica Plunkett, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a02\)](#)

00:06:37 Rep. M. Regier joined the meeting

00:08:29 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:30 Rep. White  
00:11:33 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
00:12:23 Rep. White  
00:13:14 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:15:00 Rep. White  
00:16:15 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:16:44 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:18:29 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:19:02 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:20:53 Rep. Jacobson  
00:24:30 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:25:10 Chair Flynn  
00:26:21 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:26:36 Chair Flynn  
00:27:13 Ron Jendro, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
00:27:31 Chair Flynn  
00:27:49 Ron Jendro, FWP  
00:28:46 Rep. Price  
00:29:12 Ron Jendro, FWP  
00:30:07 Rep. Price  
00:30:14 Ron Jendro, FWP  
00:30:21 Rep. White  
00:32:06 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:32:18 Rep. B. Brown  
00:33:02 Ron Jendro, FWP  
00:33:28 Chair Flynn  
00:34:02 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:34:57 Chair Flynn  
00:36:41 Jessica Plunkett, FWP  
00:36:49 Rep. White  
00:37:15 Dustin Temple, FWP

00:37:44 Chair Flynn  
00:38:30 Dustin Temple, FWP  
00:39:30 Rep. Loge  
00:39:52 Dustin Temple, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:14 Sen. Pomnichowski

**HEARING ON SB 51**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:53 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 51, Revise laws related to fish pond licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:32 Eileen Ryce, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a03\)](#)

00:53:03 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:54:19 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:54:59 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:51 Rep. Loge  
00:56:58 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
00:57:25 Sen. Facey  
00:58:17 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:58:55 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
01:00:33 Rep. Welch  
01:00:57 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
01:01:14 Rep. Welch  
01:01:17 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
01:01:37 Rep. B. Brown  
01:04:00 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
01:04:17 Rep. Price  
01:04:32 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
01:05:03 Chair Flynn  
01:06:56 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
01:07:09 Chair Flynn  
01:07:35 Sen. Facey  
01:07:53 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:08:09 Eileen Ryce, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:23 Sen. Facey

01:12:21 Recessed  
01:36:52 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311**

01:37:28 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 311 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:37:38 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
**EXHIBIT**(fih29a05)

01:38:41 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 311 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:38:59 Rep. White  
01:39:07 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
01:39:54 Rep. White

01:40:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:40:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 311 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 52**

01:41:48 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **SB 52 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:41:54 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
01:42:25 Rep. White

01:43:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 7**

01:43:48 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HJ 7 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:44:07 Rep. B. Brown  
01:44:27 Chair Flynn  
01:45:13 Rep. Shaw

01:46:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Flynn and Rep. Vinton voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289**

01:47:40 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 289 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:47:55 Hope Stockwell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a06\)](#)01:48:57 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 289 BE AMENDED.****Discussion:**

01:49:17 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:52:15 Chair Flynn

[EXHIBIT\(fih29a07\)](#)

01:55:54 Rep. Z. Brown

01:57:14 Chair Flynn

01:59:31 Rep. Z. Brown

01:59:44 Chair Flynn

02:01:14 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

02:02:19 Chair Flynn

02:03:05 Rep. White

02:05:03 Rep. Jacobson

02:05:58 Chair Flynn

02:07:19 Rep. Jacobson

02:08:45 Chair Flynn

02:09:24 Rep. Jacobson

02:09:46 Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:10:27 Rep. Jacobson

02:11:32 Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:11:54 Rep. B. Brown

02:12:17 Rep. Jacobson

02:12:26 Chair Flynn

02:14:47 Rep. White

02:16:24 Chair Flynn

02:17:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Kipp, Rep. Price, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. Flynn Abstained.02:18:13 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 289 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

02:18:30 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

02:23:51 Chair Flynn

02:25:24 Rep. Jacobson

02:27:23 Rep. Kipp III

02:28:27 Rep. B. Brown

02:28:57 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

02:29:18 Rep. B. Brown

02:29:42 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

02:30:55 Rep. Shaw

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02:33:37 Rep. Court

02:33:59 Chair Flynn

02:34:56     **Vote:** Motion carried 14-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Kipp and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. Flynn Abstained.

02:37:14     Rep. White

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:38:41

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih29aad.pdf](#))